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UPDATE

SUFFOLK, VA (November 19, 2017) Search & Rescue officials advise that the missing hunters were safely located earlier this morning.

TWO HUNTERS MISSING IN DISMAL SWAMP

SUFFOLK, VA (November 19, 2017) Suffolk Police and Suffolk Fire & Rescue personnel are currently searching for two adult male hunters missing in the Great Dismal Swamp National Wildlife Refuge.

Emergency Communications was made aware of the missing men at approximately 7:28 p.m. after they were contacted by the Game Warden who advised that the individual who had signed into the log book for the Jericho Ditch at 3:06 p.m. had not signed out for the evening.

The vehicle belonging to the second hunter was located further down the trail. The men did not take their cell phones with them. Family members have been contacted.

The men are identified as Michael Leon Durrence, age 29, of Hampton, and Jonathon Joseph Foreman, also age 29, of Norfolk. Durrence is further described as a white male, 5'11", 170 pounds with blonde hair and blue eyes, and Foreman is a white male, 6'0", 175 pounds, with blonde hair and blue eyes. Photos of both men accompany this release.

Emergency personnel have established a command center as part of their search.

If the individuals are seen, please call 911 or your local Police Department.

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